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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVING UTILIZATION OF A RESOURCE ON A SHARED CLIENT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 8 Sheets of Drawings (8 Figures).
- ☐ An Assignment of the Invention to: Sun Microsystems, Inc.
- ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet-Form PTO-1595.
- ☒ Signed Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors.

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